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The Honorable Robert Pittenger 224 Cannon House Office Building Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Robert,

Thank you for your outstanding leadership as a key member of the Bipartisan Congressional Pro-life Caucus.

Your faithful dedication to the weakest and most vulnerable —the least of these—has been evident, once again, in this new Congress. Not only are you a sponsor of key pro-life legislation, but you are an eloquent, steadfast, and dependable defender of life during our often contentious floor debates. With your support, the House passed my bill, the No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion and Abortion Insurance Full Disclosure Act (H.R. 7) on January 24th. We also voted to roll back the Obama rule that forced states to fund abortion providers, and we are ready to take up legislation that would reallocate taxpayer dollars away from abortion businesses like Planned Parenthood and redirect those funds to community health centers that provide life-affirming healthcare.

Your exceptional pro-life leadership inspires and motivates. As the author of the multiple-member letter sent to President Trump, you garnered more than 140 signatures sending a clear signal expressing support for our shared pro-life priorities. The Pittenger letter will now serve as a road map throughout this session of Congress for a pro-life House and our pro-life President Trump highlighting the commitments he has made on key issues including enacting the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, ending taxpayer funding of the abortion industry, and making the Hyde Amendment permanent and government-wide. Thank you for launching and spearheading this and other important efforts.

I remain deeply grateful for your tireless dedication to advancing pro-life issues in the House of Representatives and look forward to continuing to work with you in defense of life.

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January 18, 2017

Dear Pro-life Friend:

Congressman Robert Pittenger, representing the 9th congressional district of North Carolina, has maintained a perfect 100 percent pro-life voting record throughout his years of service in Congress.

During the 114th Congress, Congressman Pittenger co-sponsored and voted for the *Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act*, legislation to protect unborn children at 20 weeks, a point by which the unborn child is capable of experiencing great pain when being killed by dismemberment or other late abortion techniques.

He voted for the *No Taxpayer Funding for Abortion Act*, a bill that would establish a permanent, government-wide policy against funding abortions or health plans that cover abortions.

He voted to repeal the Obama healthcare law – a law that created a national program of massive federal subsidies for insurance plans that cover abortion, and imposes rationing of lifesaving medical care.

Congressman Pittenger voted repeatedly to block federal funding of Planned Parenthood, the nation's largest abortion provider.

Congressman Pittenger has been a faithful supporter of our pro-life legislative efforts. All who are concerned with the right to life and with the protection of the most vulnerable members of the human family should support Congressman Pittenger's efforts in Congress as he continues to work to advance vital pro-life public policies.

Sincerely,

David N. O'Steen, Ph.D.

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NORTH CAROLINA RIGHT TO LIFE



January 15, 2017

Dear Christian Pro-Life Friend:

Congressman Robert Pittenger has been a steadfast supporter of the "right to life" throughout his public service career which began in 2003 as State Senator.

Throughout these years, we have worked closely on pro-life issues. He has always been quick to respond to my requests, whether to sponsor pro-life legislation or to vote for legislation that both National Right to Life and North Carolina Right to Life support.

Regretfully, his record has been distorted especially when it comes to his votes about defunding Planned Parenthood. Congressman Pittenger does support defunding Planned Parenthood and did vote for legislation to defund Planned Parenthood in the last Congress. The legislation passed. Unfortunately, President Obama vetoed the bill.

During his time in the Congress, he has garnered a 100% voting record with North Carolina Right to Life and National Right to Life Committee. This 100% rating demonstrates his strong commitment to defunding Planned Parenthood, the largest single provider of abortions, about 330,000/year; to preventing the use of tax dollars to fund abortion, and to passing meaningful legislation to protect unborn children from abortion.

In this new Congress with a pro-life President, we have a great opportunity to pass legislation to protect life. I am deeply grateful for Congressman Pittenger who will help lead this legislation to protect life. The people of the 9th Congressional District do not have a better friend for life than Congressman Pittenger.

Thank you for your prayers for him as we all work together to protect those who cannot speak for themselves.

For their lives,

Barbara Holt President



January 16, 2017

To Whom It May Concern,

As a Baptist minister for almost two decades, I deeply care about the protection of life. In that pursuit, I am grateful to serve with my good friend, Congressman Robert Pittenger. Pittenger has been a strong advocate for pro-life policies for over 40 years. He has a perfect voting record supporting life in the North Carolina Senate and the United States Congress and he has boldly spoken on behalf of the unborn when vital pro-life legislation is under consideration.

Congressman Pittenger is also a member of the Steering Committee for the conservative Republican Study Committee. This is entirely appropriate as pro-life issues continue to be at the forefront of our agenda.

The unborn, elderly and disabled have a true friend in Robert Pittenger, and I am confident he will continue to advocate on their behalf in the years to come.

Sincerely,

Mark Walker

Member of Congress, NC-06

Chairman, Republican Study Committee